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Newly submitted claim 68-75, 76-78 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: In claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-13, 15, 17-18, 33-34 filed 8/15/06, applicants claim a water-erodible non-adhesive backing layer comprising hydroxyethyl cellulose. Now, claims 68-75, 76-78 claim a water-erodible non-adhesive backing layer comprising any polymer or comprising hydroxypropyl cellulose.


Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 68-75, 76-78 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Webman whose telephone number is 571-272-0633. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8 AM to 5 PM.

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